



IFW

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No: 10/776,346
Applicant: David S. Seiver, et al.
Filed: February 12, 2004
Title: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR OPTIMIZING ARGON RECOVERY
IN AN AIR SEPARATION UNIT
TC/A.U. 3749
Examiner: Unknown
Attorney Docket: Serie 6464
Customer No.: 40582

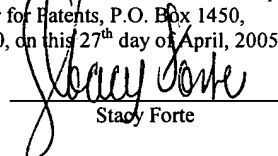
**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FROM
FOREIGN SEARCH REPORT**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.8(a)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 27th day of April, 2005.

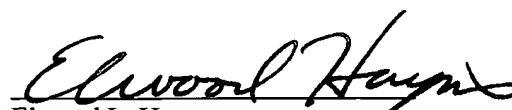

Stacy Forte

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Attached is a completed PTO form 1449 citing references submitted for consideration during examination of the above referenced patent application. Copies of the references cited therein are also enclosed. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

Under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e)(1), I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. 1.56 (c) not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. No fee is due at this time in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-1375. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

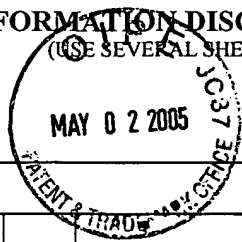
Date: April 27, 2005
Air Liquide
2700 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 1800
Houston, Texas 77056
(713) 624-8956

Respectfully submitted,


Elwood L. Haynes
Registration No. 55,254

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION

(USE SEVERAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY)



ATTY. DOCKET NO.

Serie 6464

SERIAL NO.

10/776,346

APPLICANT(S)

David S. Seiver, et al.

FILING DATE

February 12, 2004

GROUP

3749

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial	Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date If Appropriate
A1	4,784,677A	11-15-88	Al-Chalabi, et al			
A2	5,313,800	5-24-94	Howard, et al.			
A3	6,622,521B2	9-23-03	Seiver, et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial	Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Subclass	Translation	
						Yes	No
B1	DE10130754	1-2-03	Germany				
B2	EP0669509	8-30-95	Europe				
B3	EP0701186	3-13-96	Europe				

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

C1		European Search Report	

EXAMINER:

DATE CONSIDERED:

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.